

Covered on the Cover

Professor Hazbin and Ms. Buyright want you to buy potentially hazardous chemicals the right way, use them the right way, and get rid of them the right way. Take another look at the cover, searching for these DO's and DON'Ts.



DO:

Before you shop, plan ahead (evaluate the size of a room, inspect a job at home, see what chemicals you already have on hand, etc.).

When you shop, use a list so that you only buy what you planned to buy and the amount you need.

When you shop, read labels.

When you shop, compare container sizes and buy the right amount.

Store products in their original, labeled containers.

Store products on high shelves or in locked cabinets. If the label specifies that the product should be kept in a cool or dry location, follow those instructions.

Keep hazardous products away from pets and children.

When you change the oil in a car, use a proper drip pan and avoid spills.

Reduce your need for fertilizers and plant foods by grasscycling, mulching, and using compost.

Pull weeds or use mulch to reduce weed growth.

To reduce your use of pesticides, learn about “integrated pest management,” which includes using native plant materials, grouping companion plants to reduce insect infestations, and creating barriers to keep unwanted animals away from plants.

Select latex (water-based paints) and only buy the amount you need.

Know what materials that you use in your home might be hazardous, including lawn care products and sprays, home cleaners, automotive fluids, fluorescent bulbs, and batteries.

When using hazardous products, read the labels! The product may not be safe to use without wearing a respirator (breathing device or mask), goggles (or other eye protection), and gloves to protect yourself from hazardous fumes and liquids.

If you have leftovers that are still usable but you can't use up, offer them to a friend or relative.

Drop off leftover household hazardous waste at a special event or facility where materials are being accepted for proper and safe disposal.

Enjoy the clean water! When you buy fewer household chemicals, use them the right way, use them up, and dispose of them properly, you help keep our water clean and safe!



DON'T:

Never dump hazardous materials onto the ground or pour them down a storm drain.

Never put leftover hazardous chemicals of any kind into reused or reusable food containers!

Never place hazardous leftovers into your household trash.

Never burn or bury hazardous materials or their containers.